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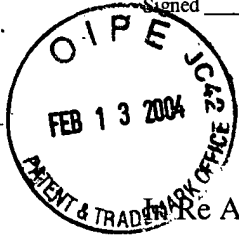
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Sir:

Pursuant to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), this submission is responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 11, 2003, received in connection with the above-identified patent application. As the final Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply (thereby setting a nominal due date of November 11, 2003), the present submission is timely as Applicants herewith request a three-month extension pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), thereby extending the pendency of the application three months, to February 11, 2003.

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